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1. The following is a translation from the original Arabic of a letter from Amil GHURI, Arab Higher Committee chief in Beirut, to the Grand Mufti in Cairo:

(Hajj Amin Husayni)
"July 31, 1950

"His Grace the Chairman of the Arab High Committee for Palestine, Cairo.

"Greetings:

"We have the honor to submit the following information to Your Grace:

"Abdullah KHAYR, the Palestinian who used to work as a ~~mailman~~ in Palestine during the Mandate, is now the first person with the Jews; they depend on him and cooperate with him. He comes from time to time to Beirut and returns by the help of some of those whom you know.

"Reliable information has been received to the effect that the Jews are still maintaining Western Galilee and running its affairs as an occupied area belonging to the Military Administration and that they are not changing anything except in resettling a number of Jews on its Lebanese borders. The situation is different in Eastern Galilee, on which they daily set a new Jewish impress. They are removing and blowing up certain villages to their foundations, just as they have done to the villages of Farridiya and Hittin, and are building Jewish colonies on their ruins. The Jews are now demarcating the boundaries between Eastern and the Western Galilee in accordance with the lines provided in the Partition resolution. Although the Jews are buying properties from the Arabs in Eastern Galilee, they are not buying anything in Western Galilee.

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- During his last visit to Lebanon (we referred to it previously) Archbishop HAKIM (State-Meter: ~~See RLB-4-1312, RLB-2000, 0700.~~) received a high medal from the Lebanese Government, but this news was not announced. The Communists are waging severe campaigns against Archbishop HAKIM and are strongly resisting him.
- The brethren in Haifa, Nazareth, Acre, and Shafa 'Amr have reported that the Jewish rule is unbearable. Although they are working, they are not confident and feel that they and their properties are subject to Jewish domination at any time. They said that if they could leave Palestine and take refuge in Syria and Lebanon, they would not hesitate to do so, but that there are great difficulties which prevent this.
- At one of the meetings of the Jordanian Chamber of Deputies the Minister of Interior saw Kamal HASSR among the newspapermen. He called him after the meeting and reproached him for his presence there. He told him: 'Be careful and don't come back to Amman, you pig.' Kamal HASSR told him, 'Shut up, you despicable person.' The Minister of Interior then jumped at him to beat him but Kamal hit him in the face. The Police then arrested Kamal and sent him to prison. Later, the King intervened and made peace on the basis of head kissing between the pig and the despicable person and so ended the case.
- The inhabitants of Hama, Anata, and Yasawiya were harvesting wheat in the lands that are shared between the said villages. While their youths were singing 'Hajj Amin, the Sword of Religion,' their women joining in the singing, men from the Jordanian Army arrived and arrested a number of the youths, who are still under detainment.
- The dangerous accusations that are being leveled against the enemies of Jordanian rule, and because of which people have been arrested and punished, are three: Muftism - namely, fanaticism for Hajj Amin; Communism; and hate for the present regime.
- Fayyal al-KHARJUSI (State-Meter: ~~See RLB-4-1015 and RLB-2000~~) is still detained in Amman. The King has ordered that he remain in the prison at Amman for an indefinite period.

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